

Local Education Agency
Ad Hoc Workgroup Meeting
November 1, 2006 Meeting Summary

Location: Sacramento City Unified School District

ATTENDEES:

Name	Organization/Title
1. Barbara Schultz	CDHS, Medi-Cal Benefits Branch
2. Carol Massey-McCants	CDHS, Medi-Cal Benefits Branch
3. John DiCecco	Los Angeles Unified School District (USD)
4. Laura Baynham	Mendocino County Office of Education (COE)
5. Cathy Bennett	Sacramento City USD
6. Susan Bier	Konocti USD
7. Margie Bobe	Los Angeles USD
8. Sherry Purcell	Los Angeles USD
9. Lindsey Jessup	Fresno USD
10. Cynthia White-Piper	San Bernardino City USD
11. Anysia Drumheller	Butte COE
12. Barbara Miller	Fresno COE
13. Sue Hamblin	Stanislaus COE
14. Judy Holzapfel	Glenn COE
15. Robert Powell	California Speech-Language-Hearing Association
16. Greg Englar	Sonoma COE
17. Cathy Bray	Los Angeles COE
18. Barbara Thomas	California Association of School Psychologists
19. Marna Hammer	Navigant Consulting Inc.
20. Gloria Eng	Navigant Consulting Inc.
21. Marlana Evans	Navigant Consulting Inc.

Handouts

Each participant received a folder with copies of the following: Agenda, the chaptered version of Assembly Bill (AB) 2837, Senate Bill 231 Implementation Project Status Reports (August and September 2006) and Navigant Consulting's PowerPoint presentation. In addition, copies of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) PowerPoint presentation and information regarding AB 2837 and the pending Attorney General's opinion were distributed.

Purpose

The meeting was convened by the CDHS in partnership with LAUSD. The purpose of the Workgroup is to improve the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Program. The emphasis of the meeting is to strategize various goals and activities aimed at enhancing the Medi-Cal services provided on school sites and access by students to these services, while increasing federal reimbursement to LEAs for the cost of providing these services.

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Assembly Bill 2837

Assembly Bill (AB) 2837, also known as the Baca Bill, was approved September 2006 by the Governor and passed as urgency legislation. However, the bill is not effective until the Attorney General issues an opinion stating that the credential requirements for a speech-language pathologist in the bill are equivalent to federal credentialing requirements. The Attorney General's opinion is pending and letters of input and support were requested by the California Department of Justice, Attorney General.

Post SPA Implementation Issues

As of July 1, 2006, the LEA claims processing system has been modified to reflect the new LEA billing codes and policy changes. CDHS has identified errors in the claims processing system. CDHS is currently working with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) and Payment Systems Division (PSD) to resolve these issues as soon as possible. The Workgroup has requested that a sub-committee be formed to focus specifically on claiming issues; the sub-committee members will assist in identifying errors and producing supporting RAD documentation to assist in resolving these issues.

Action:

What: Provide CDHS with continued feedback of paid claims issues and errors.

Who: Workgroup

When: Ongoing

Action:

What: Summarize claiming issues and produce support documentation to facilitate discussions with PSD and EDS.

Who: CDHS, NCI and sub-committee

Status: The Claims Processing Issues Matrix was completed and sent to the sub-committee on December 15, 2006.

Action:

What: CDHS to confirm that the correct FMAP is being applied to paid claims and notify Workgroup members when this error has been corrected.

Who: CDHS

Status: CDHS confirmed with EDS that the FMAP correction was implemented on October 30, 2006. The correct FMAP (50%) is being applied and claims are paying correctly.

Action:

What: Provide updates regarding resolution and timeline to Workgroup Co-Chairs.

Who: CDHS

Status: The Claims Processing Issues Matrix provides the current status of the resolutions to the claiming issues.

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Action:

What: Assist PSD and EDS in rewriting the description for RAD 0435.

Who: CDHS

Status: CDHS submitted new language to PSD to revise the description of RAD 0435 in order to avoid confusion regarding provider reimbursement.

National Provider Identifier

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires the adoption of a standard unique identifier for health care providers, the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The NPI is 10 digits in length and will replace the current LEA Medi-Cal provider numbers. LEAs must register for an NPI by May 2007.

Action:

What: Post the NPI presentation and link to Medi-Cal NPI website on the LEA website.

Who: NCI

Status: NCI posted the NPI presentation and information on the LEA website.

Assembly Bill 2950 Follow-Up

Assembly Bill 2950 will be effective January 1, 2007. This bill removes the payment reduction applied to LEA claims submitted between six and 12 months after the date of service. All LEA claims must still be submitted within 12 months from the date of service to be eligible for payment.

October EDS Bulletin

Cost and Reimbursement Comparison Schedule (CRCS) training DVDs were sent to LEAs in the October EDS Medi-Cal publication. The training DVD will provide LEAs with important information on how to complete these mandatory forms, due by November 30, 2007.

Audits and Investigations

The Workgroup is planning to write a letter rebutting some of the LEA findings in the Medi-Cal Payment Error Study completed by Audits and Investigations (A&I), Medical Review Board.

Action:

What: Set up a meeting with A&I, John DiCecco, Laura Baynham, Cathy Bennet and Robert Powell to discuss the random claims audits and electronic records.

Who: CDHS

Status: CDHS is awaiting response from A&I Management.

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Pay and Chase

The Workgroup proposed at the September meeting that a formal discussion be conducted between certain providers and CDHS regarding Pay and Chase issues that are impacting LEAs. The Workgroup expressed that CDHS Third Party Liability (TPL) division should be involved in the discussions as well.

Action:

What: Set up a meeting with TPL and LAUSD to discuss Pay and Chase issues.

Who: CDHS

Status: CDHS to schedule a meeting with TPL to precede or follow the A&I meeting.

OIG Report Updates

The OIG recently released two new audits related to school-based services. Lake Grove Schools in New York were audited for the appropriateness of fee-for-service health claims. Minnesota had 60 of its largest administrative claiming school districts reviewed for the appropriateness of their administrative claiming. An OIG audit for Maryland is expected to be released soon and an update will be provided on these findings, when available.

July – August 2006 Paid Claims Data

A review of the paid claims data with new national codes for July and August 2006 has been completed. Analyses show that 119,079 claims billed with national codes were paid with 195 LEAs billing in the first two months of the fiscal year. Additional analyses will be performed as more paid claims data becomes available.

CPT Code Deletion

CPT code 96100 (IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessment) has been deleted as a valid national code, and has been replaced with a new CPT code (96101), effective November 1, 2006. Claims processing is based on date of service. PSD informed the Medi-Cal Benefits Branch that LEA claims billed with dates of service on or after November 1, 2006 must be billed with the new CPT code, 96101. Claims submitted for dates of service prior to November 1, 2006 must be billed with the old code, 96100. The LEA Provider Manual will be updated to reflect the new coding change.

Action:

What: Discuss with EDS/PSD if CPT code 96100 will no longer be valid as of November 1, 2006 date of service or the date the claim was submitted.

Who: CDHS

Status: CDHS confirmed with PSD that CPT code 96100 is valid for dates of service prior to November 1, 2006. Claims with dates of service after November 1, 2006 must be billed with CPT code 96101.

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Action:

What: To post language on the LEA website notifying LEAs of the coding change for IEP/IFSP Psychological Assessments.

Who: NCI

Status: NCI posted language on the LEA website notifying LEAs of the code deletion.

Regulations Update

Continued work on the regulations package, including discussions and collaboration with the Office of Regulations (OOR) are on-going. The proposed regulations package will update State regulations to reflect the new program changes as a result of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 03-024. A summary of the regulations package components, proposed regulation changes, and milestones of the regulations process were discussed with the Workgroup.

Discussion of Upcoming Work

The Workgroup discussed and prioritized upcoming work steps for the remainder of the fiscal year. Topics included future SPAs and expanding new services and/or practitioners, updating current rates for inflation, future CRCS trainings, and finalizing the insurance carrier survey.

Future Workgroup Meetings

The next Workgroup meeting for CDHS and providers will be held in Sacramento on January 10, 2007.